A list of the members of the twenty-eighth session of the Assembly is republished as Appendix B.

The proceedings commenced at 12 noon, T. Austin Esq., I. C. S., Barrister-at-Law, Dewan, presiding. Among those present were H. S. Chatfield Esq., M. A., Barrister-at-Law, Chief Justice, High Court, Major G. F. Turner, M. C., Commandant, Nayar Brigade, Mrs. Austin, heads of the several departments and offices and members of the Legislative Council.

Copies of the Dewan's opening address, in English, Malayalam and Tamil, were distributed to the members, as also copies of the *Administration Report* for 1106 M. E., in English and Malayalam, of the report on the operations of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for 1106 M. E., in English and Malayalam, of the *Statistics of Travancore* for 1106 M. E., in English, and of the memoranda of subjects for representation at the session, in English, Malayalam and Tamil. Copies, in English, of the *Statement of Action* taken on the pending representations of the twenty-second and subsequent sessions and on the representations of the 27th session of the Assembly were also distributed among the members.

The Dewan then opened the session with the following

ADDRESS.

'MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY,

I am commanded by His Highness the Maha Raja to welcome you to the twenty-eighth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. This is the first session of the Assembly since the assumption by His Highness the Maha Raja of ruling powers; and it would be appropriate to begin the proceedings with the offer of our tribute of loyal felicitations and an expression of our fervent wishes for a long, prosperous and glorious reign.

Investiture.

2. An event of universal rejoicing throughout the State was the investiture of His Highness the Maha Raja with ruling powers in Full Durbar held on the 6th November 1931. The occasion was hailed with joy by all classes of the people and was celebrated in the remotest corners of the State. The celebrations at the Capital lasted for over a week and attracted unprecedented crowds. The events connected with the official ceremony have been described in the *Gazette Extraordinary* dated the 9th November, 1931. Public meetings, processions, feeding of the poor and of school children formed part of most of the mofussil celebrations. Non-officials initiated the formation of a strong and representative committee at Trivandrum which arranged for an exhibition in Chitranagar. His Highness the Maha Raja was pleased to visit the exhibition on the opening day and to receive on a second visit a loyal address from the people. In the speech which he made at the Investiture Durbar, His Highness after affirming his resolve to maintain the continuity of ties that bind the Travancore Ruling Family and the State to His Majesty the King Emperor and his representatives and

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